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polyketone fiber cords. --

REMARKS

Claims 8-15 remain pending after amendment.

Claim Amendments

By this amendment, claims 1-7 are cancelled. New claims 8-15 are added. New claims 8 and 13 combine the limitations of claims 1-3 and 6. New claims 9 and 14 combine the limitations of claims 1-4 and 6. New claims 10 and 15 combine the limitations of claims 1-6. New claim 11 corresponds to claim 5. New claim 12 corresponds to claim 5. No new matter is added by this amendment.

Rejection of Claims 1-5 under 35 USC 102(b)

Claims 1-5 stand rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Takahashi et al JP 11-334313.

This rejection respectfully is traversed to the extent deemed to apply to the claims as amended.

In response, claims 1-5 are cancelled. The rejection is thus moot and should be withdrawn.

Rejection of Claims 1 and 4 under 35 USC 102(b)

Claims 1 and 4 stand rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Miura JP 09-324377. This rejection respectfully is traversed to the extent deemed to apply to the claims as amended.

In response, claims 1 and 4 are cancelled. The rejection is thus moot and should be withdrawn.

Rejection of Claims 6 and 7 under 35 USC 103(a)

Claims 6 and 7 stand rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Takahashi. This rejection respectfully is traversed to the extent deemed to apply to the claims as amended.

In response, claims 6 and 7 are cancelled. The rejection is thus moot and should be withdrawn.

Rejection of Claim 5 under 35 USC 103(a)

Claim 5 stands rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Miura in view of Takahashi. This rejection respectfully is traversed to the extent deemed to apply to the claims as amended.

In response, claim 5 is cancelled. The rejection is thus moot and should be withdrawn.

Newly-Presented Claims 8-15

By this amendment, applicants present new claims 8-15 which are believed to define over the cited prior art. New claims 8 and 13 combine the limitations of claims 1-3 and 6. New claims 9 and 14 combine the limitations of claims 1-4 and 6. New claims 10 and 15 combine the limitations of claims 1-6. New claim 11 corresponds to claim 5. New claim 12 corresponds to claim 5. The anticipation rejections of original claims 1-5 and 1 and 4 are thus believed moot due to the incorporation of the limitations of claim 6 into the independent claims. The rejection of claims 6 and 7 is also believed moot in view of the noted combination of the limitations of the claims into the new independent claims.

The application is now believed to be in condition for allowance and an early indication of same is earnestly solicited.

In the event that any outstanding matters remain in this application, Applicants request that the Examiner contact James

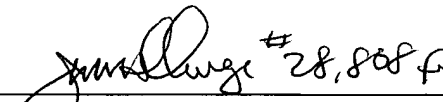
W. Hellwege (Reg. No. 28,808) at (703) 205-8000 to discuss such matters.

Applicant respectfully petitions under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) and 1.17 for a two-month extension of time in which to respond to the Examiner's Official Action. The Extension of Time fee in the amount of \$410.00 is attached hereto.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Very truly yours,

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